Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Why?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Opposition is also consequential (*Laughter*).

The amendment was put and carried.

Clause 3 as amended was put and carried.

Clauses 4 to 12 were put and carried.

The title and preamble were put and carried.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I move that this Bill be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

The motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Anchal Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I move that the Cochin Anchal Act Amendment Bill may be read in Council.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I second it. It is mainly intended to bring newspapers also under the category of articles under the Anchal Act from being taxed under that Act. By this Amendment Act these newspapers can be carried in bundles in buses. Otherwise, it will be an offence. This amendment is also to make the law here similar to that in British India. This is a popular Bill.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know whether there has been any occasion when anybody has been prosecuted under the existing law?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): After the present Commissioner of Police took charge, he wanted to prosecute certain offenders. Then some representations were made to Government and a Committee was appointed. This Bill was drafted on the recommendations of that Committee. We have adopted here only the British sections.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know the provocation for prosecution?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): It was an offence and action had to be taken.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): So, the old law was in accordance with the British Act?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): It was an offence to carry newspapers in buses under the old Anchal Act, I of 1067. Now we are amending that.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Are you including newspapers also under Anchal articles?

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): Yes.

The motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council: The title of the bill is 'The Cochin Anchal Act Amendment Bill'.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I request the President that S. O. 32 may be suspended and that the bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Deputy President: S. O. 32 is suspended.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 5 were put and carried.

The title and preamble were put and carried.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that this bill be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

The motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Provident Funds Act (Amendment) Bill.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Sir, I propose to move that the Cochin Provident Funds Act Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): This amendment is intended to enable the subscribers to include also Marumakkathayi heirs as dependants who can receive the provident fund amount in case they die before they retire. As it is, they cannot do that and therefore the amendment has brought in 'the sister and brother and also the sister's child' as dependants who can draw the provident fund amount of a subscriber. It is only a permissive piece of legislation. I propose that the bill be read in Council.

The motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council: The title of the bill is 'The Cochin Provident Funds Act Amendment Bill'.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): I request that S. O. 32 may be suspended and the bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Deputy President: S. O. 32 is suspended.

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2 was put and carried.

The title and preamble were put and carried.

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